

**To: Chairperson Schubart and Trustees**  
**From: Chief Tom Bremner**  
**Date: September 19<sup>th</sup> / 2011**  
**Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (August / 2011)**

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- Our website; [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com) continues to be updated on a regular basis, and we encourage people to visit our site. We also have a large group of followers on our; Facebook and Twitter sites as well as the Salt Spring Community Exchange, which focuses on public announcements and information.
- Our Fulford training ground continues to advance with efforts for a Fall completion.
- Members continued to be busy this month with training, work duties and calls for assistance. In August the SSIFR responded to; **56 calls for assistance**.

**Response types were:**

First Responder	21
Complaints	12
Haz-Mat	2
Motor Vehicle Incidents	4
Alarms	9
Bush / Grass Fires	2
Public Assists	2
Hydro	2
Police Assist	1
Misc	1

**Training Division report:**

- Weekly drill attendance was slightly lighter in August due to the number of summer vacations, but we plugged on with the status quo. Regular members updated themselves on Pumps and Pumping, Automatic External Defibrillator, and Ventilation. We also ran a Wildland Fire scenario with the members of Maracaibo and their Mini Bush Truck. It proved to be very informative and a good eye opener for both parties on what we can and can't do. Our members also worked with the Coast Guard Auxiliary members on Fresh Water rescue program.
- Our recruit members worked on Emergency Traffic Control and three weeks of Ground Ladders.

➤ **Fire Inspection / Prevention Division report:**



Commercial Inspections	75
Commercial Re-inspection	7
Responses to Emergencies	32
Category 3 Burn Pile Inspections	0
Review of Fire Safety Plans	2
Car Child-Seat Installs	1
Lockbox Installation	0
Battery Smoke Alarm requests	0
Public Information Sessions	0
Public Education Tours	0 Sessions
Subdivision / Plan Reviews	2
Water Storage Tank Reviews	1
Provincial Licensing Inspections	1
Burning Permits issued to date	1722
Paperwork / Administration	Endless

- August was a steady month. Our inspection program is steadily improving. We will be focusing on Fire Prevention Week coming up in October, capping it off with an Open House on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. We did not install any Smoke Alarms this month
- Burning permits are required effective April 15<sup>th</sup> until October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 for all types of burning. Permits can be obtained (for free) at the Ganges Fire Station during regular office hours. Category 3 Machine piles require an inspection prior to a permit being authorized.
- The Fire Hazard as of September 12<sup>th</sup> / 2011 was 5 (Extreme), with a total fire ban in place.
- **REVIEW OUR WEBSITE DAILY FOR UPDATES & FURTHER BAN NOTICES, INCLUDING EARLY SHIFT NOTIFICATIONS.**
- Chief requests an “In Camera” session relating to; (Property. Legal and Personnel) items.